

MRS. FERGUSON SMITH.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 548.]

MARCH 30, 1860.

Mr. J. M. LEACH, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions,
made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom were referred the petition, papers, and a bill relating to the case of Mrs. Ferguson Smith, of Georgia, widow of Robert Smith, for a pension, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report:

It appears from the papers that in 1856 Mrs. Smith asserted her claim for a pension (being then 91 years old) under the act of Congress passed 7th July, 1838, her marriage occurring in the year 1786. She claimed that her husband served in the revolution two years, at various periods, in South Carolina and Georgia. She declares that her husband applied in his lifetime for a pension, but was not granted one. He died in the year 1853. It is shown in the papers, which are voluminous, that her husband did serve, as the records of South Carolina show, one hundred days—some four months' service. It is also proven that the legislature of Georgia, by an act passed in 1820, granted to all who served in the war of the revolution certain lots of land, and that the said Robert Smith did receive this land for his meritorious service. The claimant, Mrs. Ferguson Smith, proves herself the widow of said Robert Smith. The proof of her marriage, death of her husband, and her identity are clearly proven. She applied also for a bounty land warrant under the act of 1855, and was granted one hundred and sixty acres for the revolutionary services of her said husband, Robert Smith. For these reasons, in the opinion of the committee, she is entitled to a pension, and they recommend the passage of a bill for her relief.

MRS. FERGUSON SMITH.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 648.]

MARCH 30, 1850.

Mr. J. M. Lusk, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom were referred the petition, papers, and a bill relating to the case of Mrs. Ferguson Smith, of Georgia, widow of Robert Smith, for a pension, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report:

It appears from the papers that in 1855 Mrs. Smith asserted her claim for a pension (being then 81 years old) under the act of Congress passed July 1, 1838, her marriage occurring in the year 1786. She claimed that her husband served in the revolution two years, at various periods, in South Carolina and Georgia. She also stated that her husband applied in his lifetime for a pension, but was not granted one. He died in the year 1853. It is shown in the papers, which are voluminous, that her husband did serve, as the records of South Carolina show, one hundred days—some four months' service. It is also proven that the legislature of Georgia, by an act passed in 1830, granted to all who served in the war of the revolution certain lots of land, and that the said Robert Smith did receive this land for his meritorious service. The claimant, Mrs. Ferguson Smith, proves herself the widow of said Robert Smith. The proof of her marriage, death of her husband, and her identity are clearly proven. She applied also for a bounty land warrant under the act of 1855, and was granted one hundred and sixty acres for the revolutionary services of her said husband, Robert Smith. For these reasons, in the opinion of the committee, she is entitled to a pension, and they recommend the passage of a bill for her relief.